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A COMMUNICATION FROM THE
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER
"ABLE" MABLE THOMAS, CHAIR OF
COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

A COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTING
THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO
THE GENTRIFICATION TASK FORCE.
THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR
2-YEAR TERMS AND ARE SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL
CONFIRMATION.

APPOINTED BY
COUNCIL MEMBER

NAME

1. SARA FITTEN
2. FRANK S. ALEXANDER
3. J. L. BOOKER

SHERRY DORSEY

CLAIR MULLER
VERN MCCARTY

REFERRED BY JUL 05 2000
CITY COUNCIL

CONFIRMED BY

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER JUL 17 2000
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER **COUNCIL**

Date Referred 7/5/00

Referred To: CD/HR + Common Council

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair _____
Referred to _____

Committee CD/HR
Date 7/12/00
Chair _____
Action: _____
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) _____
Other: No Recommendation
Members: Sara Fitten, Frank Alexander, J. L. Booker, Sherry Dorsey, Claire Muller, Vern McCarty
Refer To: CCC

Committee CCC
Date 7/17/00
Chair Mable Thomas
Action: _____
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) _____
Other: As Amended
Members: Sherry Dorsey, Frank Alexander, Claire Muller
Refer To: _____

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
Readings
☐ Consent ☒ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Robert A. Parker

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION



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June 26, 2000

MEMORANDUM

To: President Robb Pitts
Atlanta City Council

From: "Able" Mable Thomas, Chair
Committee on Council

Re: **APPOINTMENTS TO THE GENTRIFICATION TASK FORCE**

By this memorandum I am transmitting the following appointments to the Gentrification Task Force:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed by Council member</u>
1. Sara Fitten	Sherry Dorsey
2. Frank S. Alexander	Clair Muller
3. J. L. Booker	Vern McCarty

These appointments are for 2-year terms and are scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.



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Memorandum

To: "Able" Mable Thomas, Chair Committee on Council
From: Councilwoman Sherry Dorsey
Date: 6/28/00
Re: Appointment to the Gentrification Task Force

By this memorandum I am appointing Ms. Sara Fitten to the Gentrification Task Force for a term of two years. I am confident Ms. Fitten will well represent this group's effort to address gentrification issues in the City of Atlanta.

Enclosed is biographical information on Ms. Fitten along with a contact number of (404) 370-7061 or 7062.

SARAH C. FITTEN

SARAH C. FITTEN, a native Georgian born in McDuffie County to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hall. Sarah is the oldest of five (5) children.

Mrs. Fitten is a 1962 graduate of David T. Howard High School, attended Morris Brown College and has continued her education by attending various workshops/seminars and training both in and outside the State.

During the past twenty-eight (28) years, Ms. Fitten has dedicated and shared her life helping others in areas such as Legislative Impact, Community Services, Economic Development and Human Rights/Human Services.

Empowerment is probably the major focus of all Community Services. Somewhere along the way, en route to her current label, Mrs. Fitten became an EMPOWERMENT SPECIALIST.

Mrs. Fitten presently serves as Assistant Director of Services with Fulton/Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA) and has been generally known for being a major part of this focus for the communities in Metro Atlanta and DeKalb County.

Although the communities were overflowing with social programs designed to aid residents in some facet of their lives, the zeal and energy that Mrs. Fitten invested in her singular pursuits virtually assured that they were always at the heart of the operation.

Hundreds of children who grew up in the Edgewood area followed Mrs. Fitten as their teacher and "Pied Piper", who taught them how to vote and to become job ready. Mrs. Fitten counseled children on family interaction, provided meaningful intervention with school problems, and generally nurtured them as they encountered growth-to-adulthood challengers.

It should be noted that many of these "children" now have families of their own, and are leading productive lives. Perhaps, because there was a caring Empowerment Specialist around to intervene at a critical time, and to show a better way.

Residents of all ages enjoyed the fruits of Mrs. Fitten's creative spark as she toiled with other social services agencies in locating housing, employment and finding food for families in economic transition.

In order to secure adequate resources for Center projects, Mrs. Fitten networked with ministers, school principals, guidance counselors, boys and girls scout leaders in the catchment area. Mrs. Fitten linked her activities to elected representatives of State Government, Atlanta City Council, the DeKalb County Commission and the U.S. Congressional Delegations.

It was from these lofty alliances which enabled us to engineer projects like the placement of a swimming pool, funding for youth recreation programs, and summer employment/activities.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

- * MARTA RAIL SYSTEM
- * SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS
- * EXTENDED DAY CARE PROGRAMS (after school)
- * VOTER EDUCATION & REGISTRATION DRIVES
- * FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
- * TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITIES
- * NEW START DRUG RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION CENTER
- * COMMUNITY LIBRARIES
- * GRADY HOSPITAL SATELLITE CLINIC
- * LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
- * ALCOHOL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- * COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- * CRIM COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
- * ORGANIZED FIRST COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (ATLANTA/DEKALB)
- * COLLABORATED WITH CITY, STATE, COUNTY AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
- * COLLABORATED WITH LOCAL BUSINESS

HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMAN SERVICES -
WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- * ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT (Zone 6)
- * SERVED ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE ANNUAL "POOR PEOPLE" DAY OBSERVANCE
- * ONE OF THE ORIGINAL ORGANIZERS FOR THE ANNUAL EDGEWOOD DAY FESTIVAL
- * ASSISTED WITH ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS
- * CIVIL LIBERTY UNION
- * WALK FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN OF GEORGIA
- * ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN APRIL PROGRAM
- * ANNUAL SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON (IN OBSERVANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH)
- * HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- EARLY HEAD START POLICY ADVISORY BOARD
- * MEMBER OF THE ALONSO CRIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
- * FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
- * THE ATLANTA LEGAL AID ADVISORY COUNCIL
- * UNITED WAY ADVISORY BOARD (DEKALB CO. BRANCH)
- * CHILDREN INITIATIVE COLLABORATIVE BOARD OF DEKALB COUNTY
- THE ATLANTA PROJECT (CRIM CLUSTER) UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES - JIMMY CARTER
- * THE WILLIAM WHITE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
- * FOSTER GRANDPARENT ADVISORY BOARD
- * THE DEKALB COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE
- * ALL AMERICAN CITY AWARDS PROGRAM
- * NAACP OF DEKALB COUNTY
- * MEMBER OF COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION

CHURCH AFFILIATION

- * MEMBER OF THE BUTLER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
- * SERVE ON THE TRUSTEE BOARD
- * PRESIDENT OF USHER BOARD #1
- * MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

**THE BASIC LESSON OF LIFE INCLUDES A LOVE FOR ALL
HUMANITY**



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June 20, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilwoman "Able" Mable Thomas
FROM: Councilwoman Clair Muller *C. Muller*
SUBJ: GENTIFICATION TASK FORCE

I am pleased to nominate Frank S. Alexander for membership on the Gentrification Task Force. Professor Alexander has taught at Emory University Law School since 1990, and as you will note on his resume has also devoted many years to public service. Because of his background and experience, I believe Mr. Alexander would be an asset to this task force.

I wholeheartedly support Mr. Alexander's nomination to the Gentrification Task Force.

CMM/cwf

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Teaching

Professor, Emory University School of Law (1990-present), Associate Professor (1986), Assistant Professor (1982), Adjunct Professor (1981).
Courses: Property, Real Estate Sales and Finance, State and Local Government Law, Law and Theology, Seminar on Federal Housing Policies and Homelessness
Teaching Awards: 1998 Ben F. Johnson Award for Excellence in Teaching; 1991 Emory Williams Award for Distinguished Teaching in Professional Education; Student Bar Association Award as the Professor Who Best Exemplifies the Ideals of the Legal Profession (1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1992-93, 1993-94).
Fellow, Carter Center of Emory University (1993-1996), specializing in affordable housing and homelessness.
Visiting Professor, University of North Carolina School of Law (1991-1992).
Luce Fellowship, Emory University (1989).

Public Service

Commissioner, State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless (1994-1998)
Co-Counsel, East Lake Meadows Residents Association (1994-1998) (representation of public housing residents in redevelopment program)
Author, state legislation (1997) permitting land bank authorities be to created by consolidated governments (Senate Bill 143, signed by Governor on April 21, 1997)
Author, state legislation (1996) permitting multiple cities within a single county to form a single land bank authority (Senate Bill 545, signed by Governor in April, 1996)
Author, state legislation (1996) permitting municipalities to utilize judicial tax foreclosure process (House Bill 1226, signed by Governor in April, 1996)
Author, state legislation (1995) creating judicial ad valorem tax foreclosure process (Senate Bill 338, signed by Governor on April 7, 1995)
Author, state legislation (1995) clarifying ability of land bank authorities to acquire properties at tax sales (Senate Bill 89, signed by Governor on April 7, 1995)
Member, Georgia General Assembly (Senate) Barriers to Affordable Housing Study Committee (1994).
Outstanding Service Award - 1996, Atlanta Legal Aid Society
1995 Georgia Affordable Housing Awards - Individual Initiative Award, Georgia Housing & Finance Authority.
Citizen's Award for Outstanding Service, Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority, September 26, 1995.

Legal Practice

Of Counsel, Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy (1994-1995); Of Counsel, Kutak Rock, (1982-1994); Associate, Kutak Rock (1978-1982) . Primary areas of practice: Commercial Real Estate Finance and State and Local Government law. Admitted to practice in State Bar of Georgia, United States District Court (N.D. Ga.), Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Expert witness and special litigation counsel in matters involving real estate finance. Arbitrator for American Arbitration Association panels involving construction and commercial arbitration.

Education

The Choate School, Wallingford, CT., 1970; B.A., 1973, Univ. of North Carolina (Phi Beta Kappa, Morehead Scholar); J.D., 1978 (cum laude), Harvard Law School; M.T.S. 1978, Harvard Divinity School (Rockefeller Scholar - Fund for Theological Education).

Publications

Tax Liens, Tax Sales and Due Process, 75 INDIANA L. J. ____ (Spring, 2000).

Constitutional Doubts About Tax Lien Foreclosures, GOVERNMENT FINANCE REVIEW ____ (April, 2000).

GEORGIA REAL ESTATE FINANCE AND FORECLOSURE LAW (3rd edition, 1999) (annual supplements since 1990) (second edition published in 1994).

Dealing with Delinquent Property Taxes, GEORGIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT 27 (May-June, 1998).

Financing Affordable Housing in Georgia: The Possibility of a Dedicated Revenue Source, 13 GA. ST. L. REV. 363-386 (1997).

Property Tax Foreclosure Reform: A Tale of Two Stories, GEORGIA BAR JOURNAL (December, 1995).

Briefing Paper on the Bulk Sale of Tax Liens of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County (The Atlanta Project, Monograph, July 28, 1995).

The Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority, Inc.: Problems and Promises (The Atlanta Project, Monograph, August, 1994).

Speaking Theologically, 42 EMORY L. J. 1081-1097 (1993) (A review of Milner Ball, THE WORD AND THE LAW).

Federal Intervention in Real Estate Finance: Preemption and Federal Common Law, 71 N.C. L. REV. 293-370 (1993).

Introduction: Constituting the People, 39 EMORY L. J. 1-8 (1990).

GEORGIA REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE LAW (1990); Supplements, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993.

Legal Dimensions of Pastoral Counseling, in DICTIONARY OF PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING 640-642 (Abingdon Press, 1990).

Law and Morals Revisited, in VALUES IN TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, (C. Mitchell, ed., 1989), pp. 83-94.

The Study of Law and Religion: An Apologia and Agenda, 14 MINISTRY & MISSION 4 (Fall, 1988) (with J. Witte, co-author).

THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW: ESSAYS ON LAW AND RELIGION (Scholars Press, 1988) (with J. Witte, co-editor) (American Academy of Religion Series No. 51).

Critical Legal Studies and the Question of Faith, 8 CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY 14-15 (1987).

Mortgage Prepayment: The Trial of Common Sense, 72 CORNELL LAW REV. 288-343 (1987). (Received The Authors Court Award from the State Bar of Georgia as the best article published in 1987 by a law professor in Georgia).

Beyond Positivism: A Theological Perspective, 20 GEORGIA L. REV. 1089-1135 (1986) (revised and republished in THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW: ESSAYS ON LAW AND RELIGION 251-284).

Three Fallacies of Contemporary Jurisprudence, 9 LOYOLA L.A. L. REV. 1-36 (1985).

Demythologizing Law, 3 J. LAW & RELIGION 167 (1985).

Privileged Communication for Pastoral Counseling - A Response, 39 J. PASTORAL CARE 300 (1985).

Booknote, P. Hinchliff, HOLINESS AND POLITICS, 65 J. OF REL. 580 (1985).

Validity and Function of Law: The Reformation Doctrine of Usus Legis, 31 MER. L. REV. 509-529 (1980).

Current Professional Activities

Consultative Group, American Law Institute, Restatement of Real Property-Security (Mortgages) (1990-present).

Board of Directors, Community Friendship, Inc. (non-profit psycho-social rehabilitation program for serious mentally ill); (1982-present; Vice-President, 1984-86; President, 1986-89; Treasurer 1999-present); Treasurer, Community Friendship Housing Services, Inc. (1994-1999).

Board of Directors, Consumer Credit Counseling Service (nonprofit community service agency providing consumer credit and housing counseling) (1994-present), Chairman (1998-2000), Vice-Chairman (1995-1997).

Board of Directors, Personal Debt Solutions, Inc. (national nonprofit agency providing consumer credit and housing counseling) (1998-2000).

Advisor, Georgia Municipal Association, Committee on Community Development and Human Resources.
 Advisor, Emory University Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion.

Selected Prior Professional Activities

Board of Directors, Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest (1992-1996), President (1994-1995).
 Board of Directors, Emory Federal Credit Union (1984-1991; Vice-President, 1986-87; President, 1987-89).
 Vestry, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Ga. (1990-91).
 Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION (1983-1998).

Addresses and Presentations

Renewing Public Assets for Community Redevelopment, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Miami, Florida, September 23, 1999.
The Mixed Blessings of Gentrification, Conference on Managing Gentrification, Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, June 17, 1999
Law as Ministry: Lessons from East Lake Meadows, Emory University Law and Religion Program Colloquium, October 21, 1998
 Group Leader, 1997 Convocation on Professionalism, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, November 14, 1997.
 Testimony before Georgia House of Representatives Committee on State Planning and Community Dev., financing affordable housing in Georgia, Aug. 19, 1997.
 Program Chair, *Real Estate Finance & Foreclosure Law*, Institute on Continuing Legal Education, March 28, 1997.
 Testimony before Georgia House of Representatives Banking Committee concerning Senate Bill 545 (extensive amendments to land bank authority statute), January 22, 1996.
 Lecturer, *Selling Property for Tax Liens*, Annual Institute for City and County Attorneys, Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Athens, GA., September 15, 1995.
Faith and Academic Life, addresses to the Junior High School and the Senior High School, Westminster Schools, March 16, 1995.
 Testimony before Georgia Senate Banking & Finance Committee (Feb. 14, 1995), Georgia House Judiciary Committee (March 2, 8, 9, 1995) on Senate Bill 89 (tax sale purchases by land bank authorities) and Senate Bill 338 (judicial tax foreclosure procedures).
Report on Affordable Housing Legislation, Georgia Municipal Association, Jan. 22, 1995.
Thine Alabaster Cities Gleam? Providing Safe, Decent and Affordable Housing for Residents of this Olympic City, Emory University Center for Ethics and Public Policy, November 8, 1994.

The Conviction of Things Not Seen - A Tribute to Harold Berman, Hamline University Conference on Law and Religion, October 13, 1994.

Affordable Housing in Atlanta: Dreams and Dilemmas, address before Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation Forum, December 7, 1993.

Testimony before Georgia House of Representatives Banking Subcommittee concerning Senate Bill 105 (establishing limitations on mortgage interest rates and related charges), September 16-17, 1993.

Gifts, Grace and Gratitude, National Honor Society and Cum Laude Society Induction, Westminster Schools, Atlanta, GA., December, 1992.

Panelist, *The Future of Legal Education*, Law School Admissions Council Annual Meeting, May, 1992.

Lecturer, *Federal Intervention in Real Estate Finance*, Festival of Learning, U.N.C. Law School, February, 1992.

Lecturer, *Making Room at the Inn: The Church Confronts Homelessness*, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C., February, 1991.

Lecturer, *Shelter 201: Training and Information on Homelessness*, Task Force for the Homeless, November, 1990.

Participant, *Connecting Sunday and Monday: Ethics and Christian Commitment*, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C., February, 1989.

Law, Faith and Justice in a Post-Modern World, Hamline University School of Law, October, 1988.

Law and Morals, Priests and Prophets: The Gospel's Challenges for the Law Today, Fourth Province Chancellor's Conference (Episcopal), Charleston, S.C. November, 1987.

Participant, Conference on Law and the Pluralistic Society, Center on Religion and Society, New York City, April, 1987.

Lecturer, Real Estate Law, Continuing Legal Education Program of Emory Law School and the Atlanta Bar Assoc., October, 1986.

Respondent, Symposium on The Constitution and Human Values, University of Georgia School of Law, March, 1986.

Participant, Conference on Theological Foundations of Law, Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va., November, 1984.

Professional Associations

American Law Institute, American Bar Association, Georgia Bar Association, American Arbitration Association, Mental Health Association of Metropolitan Atlanta.

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